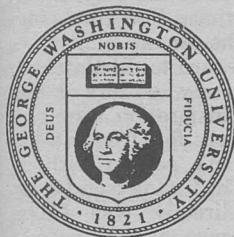


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GW Hospital makes new \$125 million deal

Facility goes to UHS after Tenet discussions stall

BY JARED SHER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

GW and Tenet Healthcare Corp. mutually agreed to part ways after their negotiations stalled about three weeks ago, officials from both sides said Friday.

The University announced Thursday a \$125 million partnership agreement with Universal Health Services Inc. to secure the future of the GW Hospital.

After it concluded its original search for a partner in October, GW signed a letter of intent with OrNda HealthCorp. that would have joined the teaching facility with the second-largest for-profit hospital chain in the nation. The letter of intent was supposed to yield a final deal after intensive negotiations, but when Tenet purchased OrNda ahead of schedule in January, the GW deal fell apart.

As a result, the University went with its second choice – the third largest for-profit group in the United States.

When GW first concluded its search for a partner last October, it knew Tenet was preparing to buy OrNda. As a result, officials said, they contacted Tenet before signing their letter with OrNda.

"We negotiated the original deal with OrNda. Before we buttoned it up, they were about three-quarters of the way through a negotiation of their own with Tenet. They were somewhat distracted," GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said.

As a result, when Tenet finalized its purchase, "We got put on the back burner," said Ruth Jordan, GW's director of public affairs for the medical center.

Recognizing the need to get a deal finalized, the University pushed Tenet to focus on the talks. "We really began in earnest. But it began to get slower and slower and slower. (Vice President for Medical Affairs) Allan Weingold sent a letter saying ... that this should get done faster," Jordan said.

"The negotiations with Tenet took a very long time and we lost our momentum," GW Vice President and Treasurer Louis Katz said.

Tenet officials said they made a good faith effort to live up to OrNda's deal with the University, but the partnership did not really fit their corporate strategy.

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A Universal Deal



Highlights of the GW-Universal Partnership

- Universal and GW will share ownership of the hospital in an 80-20 percent ratio.
- Universal will invest \$125 million to upgrade the facility, with \$80 million coming right away.
- Universal will keep all of the hospital's current staff.
- Universal will maintain the hospital's level of uncompensated, "charity" care to the community.
- The GW Hospital will keep its name and remain open at its Foggy Bottom location.



Universal Health Services Inc., a Pennsylvania-based company founded in 1978, operates 68 medical facilities nationwide, including the Columbia Radiation Oncology Center in the District. It is the third largest for-profit hospital management chain in the United States. The company reported net revenues of \$1.19 billion in 1996, a 52 percent increase from 1994.

Universal Health Services pledges to guarantee all employees' jobs

BY JARED SHER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

GW reversed its course Thursday, announcing it has signed a partnership agreement with Universal Health Services Inc. to operate and manage the GW Hospital.

The \$125 million deal, which gives Universal an 80 percent ownership share of the hospital, will guarantee jobs to all hospital employees and maintains the level of uncompensated care for the community.

If the deal is approved by city regulators in the next few months, GW will have finally found a long-term partner for its teaching hospital.

The surprise move comes after negotiations between Tenet Healthcare Corp. and the University stalled three weeks ago. GW had

signed a letter of intent with OrNda Healthcare Corp. in October, but when Tenet purchased OrNda in January, talks lost momentum.

The University turned immediately to UHS, a company that avidly sought to make a deal in October before GW chose OrNda. Vice President and Treasurer Louis Katz said Universal ranked second on GW's list during the initial search process.

"Universal was a very aggressive bidder on the hospital back in October," Katz said, "and they remained interested." Katz added that when GW-Tenet talks stalled, "(Universal) was able to move very quickly."

Unlike the previous agreement, in which the University signed a letter of intent to negotiate a final partnership, this merger is a done deal.

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Residence hall mailboxes may move

Trachtenberg's plan would relocate student mail to the Marvin Center

BY BECKY NELSON
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Though a proposal by GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg to move all student mailboxes to the Marvin Center is still in the planning stages, it already has been included in the preliminary design for renovation of the Marvin Center.

But members of the University community, both students and administrators, are worried the plan has not passed through the appropriate channels.

"It is generally understood if Trachtenberg wants something he gets it," said one GW official who did not want to be identified. "He was told by some others that it was a bad idea, but he did not appear to be dissuaded by it."

"I put lots of ideas out," Trachtenberg said. "Some of them are thought of as attractive and some are thought of as less attractive."

Trachtenberg said he hopes that moving campus mailboxes from residence halls to the student center would create "a place that students went to ... you'd create a sense of unity."

However, Trachtenberg said he is not sure if the plan will be implemented, and it does not necessarily have to be approved by him before it

is finalized.

"I am the author of the idea. That's where it begins and ends," he said.

"The president is absolutely sold on this idea of having mailboxes for everybody in the Marvin Center," the GW official said. "He is not to be swayed ... The people designing the whole thing have it in their plans."

The official added that no one

had been asked to give the student perspective on the plan.

Leaders of the Residence Hall Association, Marvin Center Governing Board and Student Association are wary of Trachtenberg's proposal.

"I really don't think it's a good idea," said RHA President Ron Jacobs. "I think Trachtenberg had a good intention, but it's just going to

be incredibly inconvenient for everyone."

"Trachtenberg is doing this because he thinks it will create community on campus," said SA President-elect Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar. "But there are so many other avenues the University can take to create community than taking a system that works and

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University addresses elevators

Administrators disagree with some of inspector's findings

BY JIM GERAGHTY
SPECIAL PROJECTS EDITOR

This is the second of a two-part series examining the state of elevators on the GW campus.

University officials have responded to an independent elevator inspector's report that documents problems with Mitchell Hall's elevators, saying they are planning changes in the future, but they disagreed with some of the inspector's findings.

"To the most immediate concerns, the cars are leveling. We will put in a renewed effort to continually check for leveling," said Al Ingle, associate vice president for business affairs.

He also said the University had inspected the elevators Friday and they appeared to be leveling correctly. The independent inspector said one of the elevators was arriving one-half inch to three-quarters of an inch off level.

Ingle disagreed with some of the report's conclusions. "The doors are all running at the right pressure. That's been verified by our inspector. The door speed is within the proper range."

But Ingle said the University recognizes Mitchell Hall has an old system. "There's a recognition (that) there's old equipment and it needs to be overhauled. But it's a matter of prioritizing," he said.

He made clear that there is a difference between inconvenience problems and safety problems, and said there is not an emergency, or pressing need, for immediate overhaul. "We'll put in new equipment as quickly as we can."

On March 24, Tony Vattimo, president of Technical Inspections Inc., inspected the elevators in Mitchell Hall. On their way to Gelman Library to inspect the elevators there, Vattimo and GW facilities project manager Charlie James ran into an assistant to J.

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Triple Bulls Shot

Early farewell from Hatchet's prime page 2 rambler

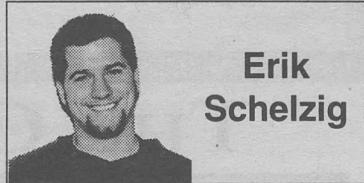
Last week my friendly neighborhood editors did me the favor of pretty much summarizing my three-year career of writing for Das Hatchet by lampooning (actually cutting and pasting) the various three topics that I've written about the past few years. Surprisingly, most people didn't seem to realize that I hadn't actually written the column, but then again, I guess that isn't all that surprising.

I'll spare you the agony of going over all those things again, but I will provide some agony by doing a high-school-yearbook-type thank-

ing of all the people who in some way contributed to the Triple Bulls Shot in some way or another.

First of all, I would like to thank all those who in some way or another tried to detract from or criticize the utterances provided within this forum. It all started with Professor Stephens of the geology department, who arguably got my Hatchet career started by sending in a profanity-laden response to my first-ever opinion piece (OK, the only pseudo-profanity he used was the word "schist." But since not many people know what schist is,

you can usually get away with calling someone a "Schisthead" and not get punched in the teeth). Professor Stephens and I eventually made up



**Erik
Schelzig**

at an academic advising fair, when he gave me – what else – a rock (a "devil's toenail," actually) as a sym-

bol of our rapprochement.

After Professor Stephens opened the floodgates of criticism in 1994, an astonishing number of letters to the editor have trickled in, lambasting mostly my style, the infamous "Schelzig Maneuver" of procuring columnist power and perhaps most importantly the topic manner. Chief amongst my critics is the GW chief himself, El Guapo, Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, with whom I've had a love-hate relationship – I love him, he hates me.

Seriously, though, he has put up with a lot of trash on my part (and not just the garbage I dumped on his front lawn), and has taken it sometimes in calculated silence, sometimes in roaring outrage, but mostly in good humor. It's not often that making fun of the school president can be the premise of an entire column and the writer still gets accepted into graduate school. Thanks for all the laughs, El Presidenté.

And despite the less than encouraging nature of all the criticism (hey, it told me that at least somebody was reading), there have been others who have been a little more positive. Among the faculty, professors Livingston, Herber, Bowie and Shambaugh have all had things to say about the column (most of them nice). This also gave me the frightening epiphany that adults were also reading my mostly base diatribes, but that prospect never quite got me to change my rambling ways – oh, well ...

And from the ranks of the students, my notorious erstwhile roommate, Daveed Ricksecker,

along with all the others who served as column fodder, like Prescott "Bissel" Pohl and the 921-second floor-2420 crew, Tricia Hertzfeld, John "Biggles" Egan and a slew of others who had the dubious honor to be featured in these pages, or served as the inspiration for those writings: You (probably don't) know who you are.

Finally, we turn to El Hatchet itself, where my editors have served as an inspiration throughout. Inspiration for frustration, that is, but let's get on with it nonetheless. The first person I ever dealt with directly was Dave Larimer, who gave me the freedom to start this madness and to carry this column with me around the world. So basically you can blame him for creating this monster, and he can now be reached in care of The Washington Post. Since then, Donna Brutkoski has held the reins (just as loosely) as the editorial page editor, and Kynan Kelly (good cop) and Jared Sher (bad cop) have wrangled about details for time immemorial (two years, actually). Claire Duggan has taken all my pictures and has joined me in anti-government protests and other asinine activities with surprisingly little resistance.

I have moved on to graduate school right here at the good old GWU, have lost most of my contact with GW campus activities and have become progressively later in turning in my column past deadline. So I hereby pass on the baton to any successors who may follow, and hope they keep the tradition of Page Two glory alive for years to come. Good luck!

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PB 'discovers the treasures we share'

International Week celebrates diversity

BY MONIQUE L. HARDING
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Program Board invites GW students to "discover the treasures we share" during its International Week program, which focuses on diversity on GW's campus.

International Week, which runs until April 14, features coffeehouses, dinners, lectures, films, a parade, a fair, gallery exhibits and receptions.

International Week is sponsored by 30 cultural organizations, including the Philippine Cultural Society, the Muslim Student Association, Project 2501, the German Club, the Multicultural Student Services Office and others.

The International Week Committee is co-chaired by Aparna Ramakrishnan and Subha Chandar.

Monday's events include Middle East Talks in U.S." in Marvin Center rooms 403 and 405 at 3 p.m.; "Gallery Exhibit: International Perspectives" in the Colonnade Gallery on the Marvin Center's second floor at 5 p.m.; "Sigur Center: U.S.-Asian Relations in the Next Millennium" in the Marvin Center ballroom at 6:30 p.m.; "America's Global Village: A Student Panel on Minority and Cultural Issues" in Marvin Center room 405 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; and "Islamic Nationalism" in Marvin Center rooms 402 and 404 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Monday's events conclude with an "Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Language Exchange" in Marvin Center rooms 410-415 from 7 to 9 p.m. Languages include German, Japanese, English, Spanish, French and Arabic.

Tuesday's events include the film *Shine*, a Sikh Student Association Baisaki dinner and the Olympic Games: "An International Experience."

Japanese Animation, a lecture by Austrian Ambassador Helmut Tuerk, an Asian Student Alliance Symposium on Asian Activism and a viewing of a graduate student film entitled *Burnt by the Sun* are among Wednesday's events.

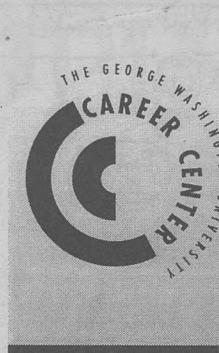
A Market Day and International Parade will be held on the University Yard Thursday, and Thai Night will be held Friday.

The embassy dinner is scheduled for Saturday night in J Street's Columbian Square at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

International African Students Association will hold a national conference in the Marvin Center Saturday and Sunday.

The week will culminate with the Israel Fair Monday on the Gelman Yard.

"The International Week Committee invites you to experience the world through the presentation of cultures by the GW community," an International Week pamphlet reads. "Celebrate the strength and unity of our diverse University."

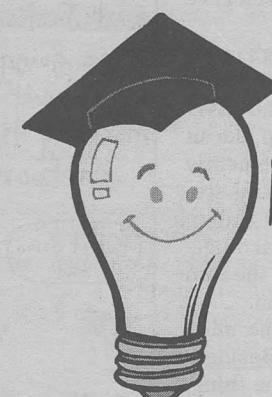


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Wrong address

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg has come up with a lot of ideas to promote campus unity: banners, statues, hippos. But Trachtenberg's latest idea, moving student mailboxes from the residence halls to the Marvin Center, would be nothing more than an inconvenience to students.

Apparently, the mailbox idea is yet another step in Trachtenberg's quest to make GW as Ivy League as possible. Schools like Princeton and Columbia have mailboxes in their student common areas, so why not GW?

We can think of several reasons. For one thing, GW is not set up like an Ivy League school, with residential "colleges" anchored by a conveniently close dining hall or student activity center. We have only one central student union. Students would have to trek all the way from Mitchell Hall to pick up their mail. Rather than promote campus unity, such an arrangement would probably just anger students who had to trudge out in the rain on a Saturday afternoon to pick up their letters from Mom and Dad.

The mailboxes would supposedly be installed as part of the upcoming Marvin Center renovations. But Associate Vice President for Business Affairs Al Ingle said he's not sure how feasible that will be. For one thing, there's probably not enough room for 3,500 mailboxes on the ground floor of the Marvin Center. So would students share mailboxes, much like roommates do now? How would this idea be organized?

If extra space is going to be created in the Marvin Center, shouldn't it go to student groups who need it — student groups that can better promote campus involvement anyway? We already have perfectly good mailboxes in the residence halls, and putting them in the Marvin Center isn't suddenly going to transform campus into a model of unity. Let's nip this thing in the bud.

Partners

The GW Hospital has finally found itself a partner. Pennsylvania-based Universal Health Services Inc. has agreed to invest \$125 million in the hospital during the next 10 years for the right to manage and operate the facility. The partnership brings to a close the long struggle to preserve the hospital's patient care and teaching quality.

Universal is a smaller company than Tenet Healthcare Corp., the corporation that recently dropped out of negotiations to manage the hospital, and it doesn't have the same level of experience with teaching hospitals. But a smaller company may be a better deal for the University. GW Hospital will be Universal's flagship teaching hospital, a place where the company can prove its commitment to making such a facility work. Under Tenet, the hospital would have been simply one of many teaching hospitals, another section on a balance sheet.

The deal seems to be good for students and employees alike. Universal promised to keep every job, while Tenet could only promise to keep "substantially all" of them. Universal and GW also have made a pledge that the sale will not affect student services in any way, a promise that is essential to the continued high quality of GW's medical school. Prospective students considering GW right now will see the sale as a guarantee of the school's continued commitment to excellence, and admissions will benefit.

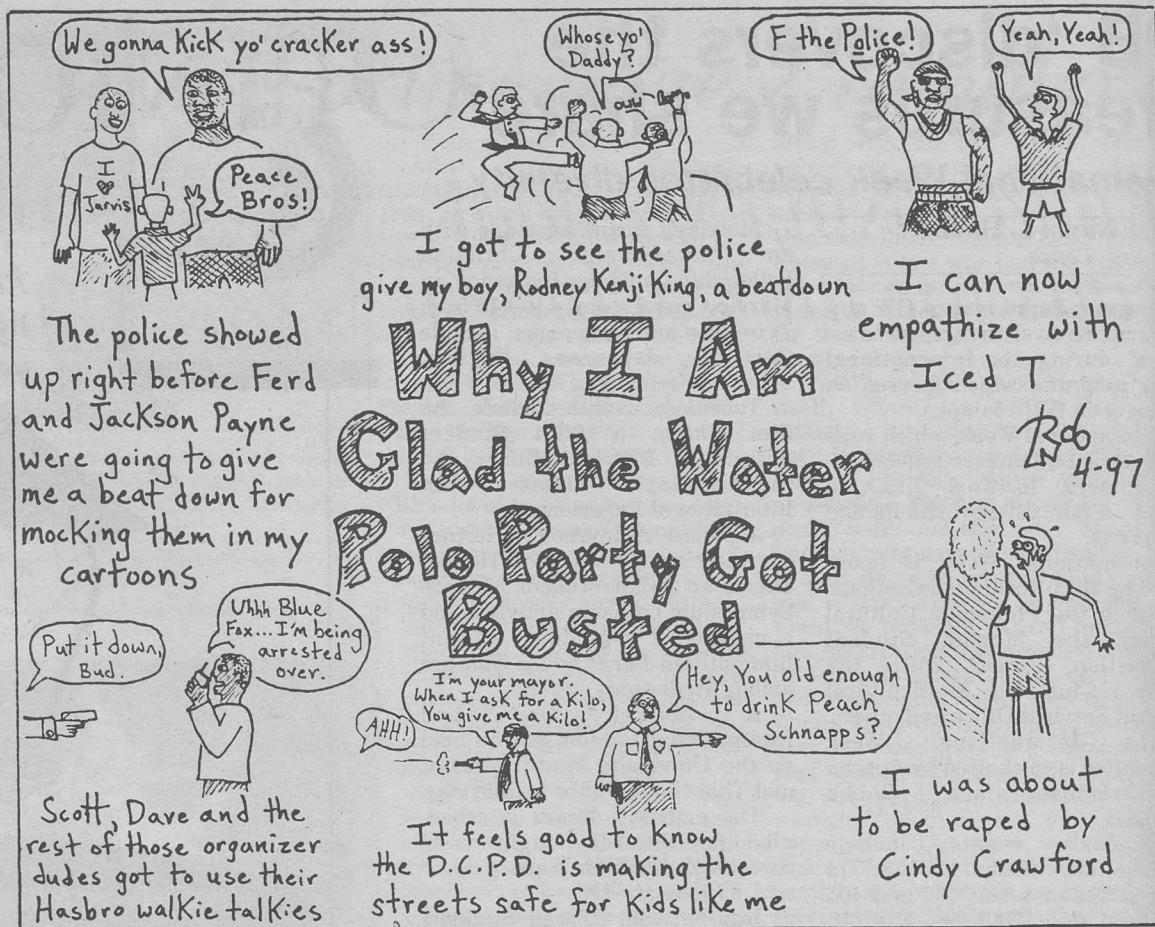
It's a relief to finally bring this chapter in the hospital's history to a close. GW has preserved the quality of its teaching facilities while guaranteeing that the hospital will continue to be financially solvent for years to come. Now that the facility's physical and financial problems are being addressed, GW and Universal can go on to build a lasting beneficial partnership.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mismarked mail

When I went home this past weekend I found a letter addressed to my parents from GW. When I opened the letter I found it to be a lengthy explanation of GW's Initiative For Excellence (i.e., an explanation for the tuition increase).

I couldn't believe it. For weeks students had been asking for an explanation of why the proposed increase was so high. All we got was a movie review from President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. It wasn't until after the proposed increase was passed that we got any explanation.

But that's not even my real gripe. The letter was addressed to my parents. Yes, for the majority of students it is the parents who pay. But not in everyone's case. The last time I checked, my name is the one that appears on loan papers. I will be paying off loans until my children start college. I am assigned a student obligation by financial aid that is more than I can make in a year while attending school. This is my school, not my parents' school. I deserved an explanation as much as my parents did, President Trachtenberg.

—Angelique L. Rewers
sophomore

Getting shafted

I am writing in response to Monday's article "Are GW elevators on the way down?" (The GW Hatchet, April 3, front page). As a freshman living in Mitchell, I can say with firsthand experience that the elevators are in poor condition. More than once, the elevator doors have slammed into me, not to mention other problems I have had with them. They should not simply be repaired, they should be replaced.

Executive Director of Facilities J. Roger Lyons posed the following question to The Hatchet: "Suppose you didn't like the accounting system, would you have Price Waterhouse come in and inspect it? I don't think that would be a good approach." He goes on to say "We know which elevators are bad ... I

can't imagine what purpose (a third party inspection) serves." Why didn't Lyons act on it if he knows which elevators are bad?

The Hatchet is entirely just in obtaining a third party not only for another opinion, but as an oversight function on Lyons and the administration. Once again students have been ignored, and this time safety guidelines have been compromised because Lyons believes an inspection is "a high-level decision, probably a vice-presidential decision." The truth of the matter is that the consumers who use these elevators each day are students, and they should not be left out of the decision-making process, especially from the beginning.

In short, the elevators are a major problem in Mitchell Hall (as well as at other locations on campus) and need to be REPLACED, not repaired. But before we begin to attempt this task, maybe we should replace Lyons first.

—Jon Zimmerman
freshman

Missing out

On March 25, I sent The GW Hatchet a press release regarding the Theta Delta Chi Greek Charity Bowling Tournament, which was the major community service event for Greek-letter organizations at GW this spring. When I did not hear from anyone after some time, I called The Hatchet office to follow up with the press release, only to find out that it had not been distributed to the editors.

I hand-delivered a second press release, hoping to see a reporter at the bowling tournament. The tournament came and went, but I never saw anyone from The Hatchet. Since you chose to disregard this major campus event, I would like to take a brief minute to inform your readers of the tournament.

When the brothers of Theta Delta Chi began discussing this semester's philanthropy event, we decided to take advantage of GW's bowling lanes. More importantly, we wanted to host an event that

would unite the Greek-letter groups in an effort to raise money to benefit charity. Early in the tournament's development, spoke with Ron Jackson in Community Services, a division of the Office of Campus Life, and after some discussion, the tournament was named the major community service event for the Greeks at GW. I think this type of event warrants some attention from the campus newspaper.

What The Hatchet should have reported about the tournament was that we raised more than \$400. I acknowledge that this is not an incredible sum of money, but it is impressive nonetheless. We have a unique Greek-letter system here at GW: The sororities and fraternities consistently come together to work toward a common goal. We are doing everything we can to promote a positive image for Greek-letter groups on this campus, and we would appreciate support from The Hatchet in our efforts.

More importantly, however, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Gilma Cockram and the Marvin Center staff for their cooperation with the tournament. I would also like to thank Ron Jackson and the staff in the Office of Campus Life for their assistance and for their faith in the Greek system. These people help make it possible for the Greeks to become a viable part of GW's campus life. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all of the sororities and fraternities who participated in the tournament and to the Panhellenic Association and Interfraternity Council for their co-sponsorship.

Alpha Epsilon Phi and Sigma Kappa deserve special thanks — they were unable to compete, but donated \$25 each anyway.

Finally, congratulations to Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Sigma for winning the tournament. The proceeds will be directed to the charities of their choice.

—Neil Smith, president
Theta Delta Chi

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OPINION

Fundraising scandal calls for impeachment

All of the Clinton administration scandals have been met by The White House with the common response that, although there may have been an appearance of impropriety, there were no violations of the law. The Clinton loyalists in the press have continued to harp, "Show me the violations."

Request granted. Vice President Gore, against the advice of White House lawyers, violated federal code, admitted to it and is a qualified candidate not for the 2000 race, but for impeachment. The implications of this crime and the activity related leads to conclusions about both Democrats and Republicans, as well as campaign finance laws in general.

On March 3, 1997, the vice president held a press conference regarding campaign fundraising. He said, "I also made telephone calls to ask people to host events and to ask people to make lawful contributions to

the campaign. On a few occasions, I made some telephone calls from my office in The White House...."

This directly contradicts President Clinton's statement on Feb. 26, 1997: "There was no solicitation at The White House."

According to United States Code, Title 18, Section 607, "It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit any contribution ... in any room or building occupied in the discharge of official duties."

The Constitution makes it clear: "The President, the Vice President, and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors." Violating Title 18, Section 607 is a felony.

The case against Gore is airtight. Some liberal defenders would assert that exceptions to this federal law have been provided for under the Hatch Act. However, the Hatch Act applies only to the Congress, not the administration. There can be no doubt - the vice president

**Matthew
Braynard**

MORE LETTERS

A private matter

This is in response to the article titled "WIN focuses on issues of women's health" (The GW Hatchet, April 3, p. 3). As the individual whose personal struggle with an eating disorder was the centerpiece of the article, first I would like to say that both the event and the article about it were very important in the educational sense. However, I found it both tacky and unprofessional for the weight of an anorexic to be published for thousands of people to read.

-Melissa Caviston
sophomore

Perhaps I was not clear enough in what was on the record and what wasn't, but any writer or editor should have the common sense to realize that this was extremely inappropriate. It may not seem such a big deal to others, but my weight is a very sensitive issue for me, one that I have an intense battle with each and every day. For you to publish that information in a student newspaper makes me severely question the legitimacy of what you call journalism.

-Melissa Caviston
sophomore

is a felon.

What does all this mean? What are its implications? It means a lot and the implications are wide-ranging.

Why has no action been taken by the Justice Department? The fact that Attorney General Janet Reno has not yet taken action indicates one of two possibilities: 1) the Justice Department is incompetent, or 2) it is corrupt. Tough choice.

Recall all of the coffees and dinners held at The White House by President Clinton, the events that were mysteriously followed by large contributions from the guests. If only one individual present at those meetings or one memo is found regarding the meetings that says the president in any way suggested that the guest make a contribution to the campaign ("Mr. Huang, show me the money!"), then there officially will

be two felons in The White House. For those Republicans left scratching their heads about Georgia Rep. Bob Barr's recent request that the House Judiciary Committee begin to review the procedures for impeachment, this is the reason why.

So why has the Republican Party not leapt on this? Three possibilities: 1) They fear that the press will misrepresent them in taking on a generally popular President; 2) they are waiting for more information and the right moment to be certain that they are going for the kill; or 3) they too are tied down by big money and hope that by overlooking the Democrats' failings, their failings will be overlooked as well. It is very likely that the answer is "all of the above."

The outcome of all of this is anything but clear. But if the president and the vice president are impeached, get ready for President Newt. What a time to be a student in the District.

-Matthew Braynard is a freshman majoring in business.

Israeli-Palestinian conflict more than a one-sided issue

Anybody who has ever taken the time to discuss Israeli politics with me knows that I am quick to criticize the Israeli government for its shortcomings. However, the attacks posed in the editorial published last Thursday ("Western media is too often biased against the plight of the Palestinians," The GW Hatchet, April 3, p. 5) are simply absurd.

The authors begin by asserting that there "exist as many right-winged or equally 'fundamentalist' Jewish groups" as Palestinian groups. I challenge the accuracy of that statement. What is of essence is the treatment these organizations receive. Specifically, the Kach Party is mentioned as an anti-Arab Israeli party. It is entirely true that Kach is a radical fundamental organization that advocates violence. It is precisely for this reason that the Israeli government has declared the Kach party illegal and disqualified it from elections.

But this hardly compares with the red-carpet treatment with which Hamas and Islamic Jihad leaders are ushered into meetings with Yasser Arafat. Even Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has affirmed that an impression of a "green light" to act violently was communicated at such a recent meeting. Further, public records show that the Palestinian Authority has recently released terrorists from prison who, under the Oslo Accords, should have been extradited to Israel.

As the authors continue, they begin to throw together disjointed thoughts about Benjamin Netanyahu's statements, violations of international law, Palestinian statehood and the Oslo Accords. I simply do not recognize the connection between international recognition of the unification of Jerusalem with Netanyahu's statement that "there is no Palestinian state." The Oslo Accords do not establish a Palestinian state. Further, Arafat's

March 1 threat that he might soon declare a state represents this reality.

The authors next assert that "in clear violation of the Oslo Accords, Netanyahu has called the West Bank 'the heart of the Jewish homeland' and recently declared that the Jews would never leave." While I do not entirely agree with this statement, I have read the Oslo Accords. They do not prohibit such claims. Further, they allow for Jews to remain in the West Bank. This "violation" is anything but clear.

The authors of this article continue to introduce half-truths and make false claims. This behavior is simply irresponsible, although some of the information presented was appropriate. For example, the Hebron massacre did deserve mentioning. However, the authors make it sound as if Israel rejoiced following this attack. In reality, the vast majority of Israelis

believe the incident to be abhorrent. They would view any such future murder with equal disgust. Further, this violence must be compared with violent acts against Israel. However, I do not wish to enter into a body count. This approach does nothing but incite anger. Both sides have felt the scourge of conflict for too long.

I challenge the authors of the editorial and all future editorials on this subject to read the Oslo Accords before claiming to represent the truth. There are substantial Israeli, as well as Palestinian, violations of the Oslo agreements. More dangerously, both sides have recently withdrawn their dedication from a realistic peace process. These are the issues. Let's discuss them rationally and intelligently. Please stick to the facts - all of them.

-Noam Shelef is a sophomore majoring in international affairs and a former president of the GW Student Alliance for Israel.

SAYIT! will continue the fight against exorbitant tuition hikes

As members of SAYIT! (Students Against Yearly Increasing Tuition), we would like to thank the students, student groups, parents and community members who helped to make the J Street boycott a success. With the help of discounts offered at local restaurants, J Street was deserted during a usually busy period of the day. The purpose of the boycott was not to place a financial strain on the University, but to unify the student voice in opposition to the increases in University costs. The boycott helped send a strong implicit message: If students' concerns are not listened to, we can go elsewhere for service.

It is apparent in President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg's letter to GW parents, sent out during spring break, that the administration heard that voice loud and clear. In the letter, President Trachtenberg states, "We assure you that as we look to the future, we are redoubling our efforts to increase revenue without so much reliance on tuition growth. Any adjustment the University makes

in tuition for the year after next (1998-1999) will be as prudent as possible and in keeping with the spirit of affordability." As a watchdog organization, we want the University to hold up to this pledge.

As a result of this type of concern, the University also increased security at the boycott, a sign that it was seen as posing a real threat.

**Oona Fles-Bauz
Alexis Rice**

This fear has been magnified by press from Fox News, The Washington Post, and the CityPaper. Despite the overwhelming success of the student boycott, our voice has continued to be ignored by the GW administration and the proposed increases have been approved.

We will not back down. We refuse to tolerate increases that clearly exceed the rate of inflation and hinder the return of many

valuable GW students. No longer will it be acceptable for the administration to deny the students' right to involvement in the decision-making process. In order to convey this to Rice Hall, we plan on presenting the thousands of signatures gathered in the past few weeks to President Trachtenberg, accompanied by letters from the many students who are unsure if they will be able to return to GW because of the exorbitant increase.

We encourage students and their parents to continue to express their outrage and concern about this issue. SAYIT! will continue to be a watchdog group for this issue. We plan to make sure that GW keeps its promises for this extra \$25 million (\$18 million coming from the tuition increase) and that students are involved with the decisions and implementation of future increases. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us in this ongoing issue.

-Oona Fles-Bauz and Alexis Rice
are writing on behalf of SAYIT!
(Students Against Yearly
Increasing Tuition)

Graff discusses presidential history

Trachtenberg awards his former professor the GW President's Medal

BY MATT BERGER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg invited professor Henry F. Graff to speak about the role of the presidency in the last hundred years Thursday in

Stuart Hall.

In his lecture to a packed room of teachers and students, Graff discussed why the presidency has declined in recent decades, and his thoughts on the Presidency in 2000.

Graff, a professor emeritus from

Columbia University, is a distinguished author and media commentator and is one of America's leading experts on the history of the presidency.

"I'm a president-watcher," Graff said. "We historians don't predict, we just tell you what went wrong."

Graff was one of Trachtenberg's professors at Columbia.

"I want to take the opportunity to show my gratitude to an exceptional teacher," Trachtenberg said.

Earlier in the day, Trachtenberg honored Graff with the GW President's Medal. "The George Washington University today honors Henry Franklin Graff for being the kind of teacher who defines the profession," he said.

"We have been ratcheting up to The White House all the problems of society," Graff said in his lecture, sponsored by the history department. "Presidents are now dealing with the dredgey problems of society ... which used to be dealt with down below."

Graff described the role of presidents as being similar to mayors of cities. "If presidents become mayors they will deal with things that will rob them of their dignity."

He also noted that no mayor has become president of the United States.

"We do not know how to keep the presidency pure, and that has nothing to do with campaign funds," Graff added.

He said that though the president's role used to be as the perennial leader, he is now sharing the stage with sports and entertainment stars. "The president has become part of public entertainment and is weakened because of it."

Graff also said many notable presidents have led the country into battle.

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Service honors victims of District gun violence

Event commemorates 242 killed last year

BY KATHRYN MAESE
HATCHET REPORTER

About 50 GW medical and public health students, faculty and physicians gathered Friday outside the GW Hospital's emergency room for the second annual memorial service to commemorate victims of gun violence in the District.

In 1996, 242 people were killed as a result of gun violence in the District.

The event was held almost 30 years to the day after civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated by a gunman. The average victim of gun violence in 1996 was 28 years old, and the youngest victim was three years old.

The two organizers of the event, Roger Oen, a first year public health student, and Bernie Birnbaum, a second year medical student, said the main goal of the event was to raise awareness of the public health epidemic that has arisen as a result of escalating gun violence.

"Annually, approximately 38,000 people are killed by guns ... half of those are suicides. This is more than a gun violence issue," Oen said.

Birnbaum went on to say that "doctors don't like to talk about this issue" because violence is not seen in the health sphere as a public health problem.

"But with more and more cases of domestic violence and child abuse

being seen in hospitals, the issue must be addressed," Birnbaum said.

Among the speakers at Friday's memorial service was Sarah Brady, wife of former presidential press secretary James Brady, who was shot and paralyzed in a failed assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan in 1981.

Others who attended the memorial service included D.C. Police Chief Larry Soulsby and the chief executive officer of D.C. Public Schools, retired Lt. General Julius Becton.

GW student volunteers began reading the names of the 242 murder victims at noon. Afterward, their name, date of death and age were written in chalk on the sidewalk surrounding the GW Hospital's emergency department. People also wrote "Guns Kill," "Stop the Violence" and "Anti-Gun Violence" on the sidewalk.

One of the quotes written on the sidewalk was by rapper Ice-T. It said, "What is more powerful, a brain or a 12-gauge?"

Some passersby were taken aback when they saw the colorful messages, which looked like they belonged more on an elementary school yard than on a busy downtown sidewalk.

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CDs and CRs elect executive officers

Leaders' goals include group growth

BY STACEY FELSEN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The College Democrats elected sophomore Adam Segal as their president and the College Republicans elected junior Wendy Rasmussen as chairman at Wednesday night's officer elections.

An international affairs major with a focus in international politics, Rasmussen served as vice chairman of the CRs this year and director of political affairs during her sophomore year.

She said she would like to improve the club's advertising campaign, continue with the Issue Awareness Night program and have a greater membership outreach.

"I am very excited about being elected chairman. I would like to continue the growth of the club," Rasmussen said.

Segal, a political science major, ran unopposed to become next year's CD president. He served as journal editor of the group's newsletter this year.

Segal said he wants to see the CDs become a "more proactive organization." He said he would like to see the organization take more campaign trips, register more Democrats and work in conjunction with area CD campus chapters.

Segal said his other ideas for the club include bringing more members of Congress to speak on campus, providing a weekly update to CD members about congressional

legislation and getting the organization more involved with Washington politics.

"I am really excited and think it is going to be a great year. The fact that this is a pro-Clinton and pro-Democrat campus helps us out," Segal said.

The CDs also elected the rest of their executive board. Marc Shaller was tapped to be vice president and treasurer, Adam Green will be events director and Caity Liu was elected community service director.

CD President Doug Miner said he is pleased with the success of this year's club. Even though he is pursuing a position in the Student Association, Miner said he will remain involved with the CDs and looks forward to next year's leadership.

"I have never met a Democrat as enthusiastic as Adam," Miner said.

The CRs' new executive board includes Vice Chairman Alyssa Sullivan, Political Affairs Chair Sara Glodowski, Treasurer Christine Fisher, Secretary Michele Scorza, Director of Publications Jared Hosid and Director of Public Relations Brooke Manning.

CR Chairman Tony Sayegh leaves the group to be executive vice president of the SA, but he said he will remain involved with the club.

"My heart will always be with this club. I have grown to appreciate this not just as an activity but as a lifestyle," Sayegh said.

RHA raises \$500 for muscular dystrophy

About 25 people showed up for the Residence Hall Association's annual Superdance in J Street Friday. The event raised about \$500 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Superdance co-chair Michael Rozensweig said.

Competition from other campus events contributed to the poor turnout, Rozensweig said.

"It's been successful," he said.

GW band Sputnik Fly and a professional deejay joined forces to entertain the dancers.

Some revenue was collected through the \$3 admission charge and \$2 raffle tickets, and change canisters were set up around campus to collect donations.

Contributions also came from an honors accounting fraternity and the Class of 1999 Committee. Raffle prizes included gift certificates from Best Buy and Sam Goody, Tower Records CDs, movie tickets and a one-hour massage at Massage Associates. Continental Airlines donated dinner for two at Philips restaurant.

—Joanna Markell and Monique L. Harding

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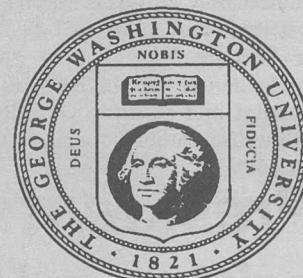
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Bosstones continue climb to stardom with 9:30 show

BY MATT STUMPF
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

It's odd enough these days to find a rock star who's happy with his life. Since angst began to bring in the dollars, nary a band would find life in the spotlight nothing less than disturbing.

With their March 30 show at the 9:30 Club, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones brought life back into the music scene with an amazing performance by a band happy to be where it is — on its way to the top. Charting a new single, "The Impression That I Get," from the newly-released *Let's Face It* (Mercury), the Bosstones, led by frontman Dicky Barrett, have taken every opportunity to enjoy this moment and to thank their fanbase across the nation for helping them thus far.

The new songs from *Let's Face It* all sounded great. From "Noise Brigade," the album's opening track, to "Break So Easily," the punk-edged sound of the Bosstones' rhythm section lent well to displays of energy by the sell-out crowd packed on the floor and balcony at the 9:30 Club.

The new, raw Bosstones energy, however, wasn't only contained in the new songs, but also in the older material. Songs such as "Hell of a Hat" and "Kinder Words," from *Question the Answers* (Mercury) sounded brand new as the band pushed through every song, drawing from the excitement below. "Someday I Suppose," the perpetual crowd favorite, turned the 9:30 into a scene of chaos, as throngs of frat-boys and teenage girls reached out toward the stage and the band that



The Mighty Mighty Bosstones hit the stage March 30 with a new, raw energy.

has been quietly growing into a national act.

Opening band and D.C. natives The Pietasters also lit up the crowd with their laid-back but intense old-school ska approach. Lead singer Stephen Jackson belted each line out, sounding somewhere between a lounge jazz singer and the Afghan Whigs' Greg Dulli. Behind the scenes, Thomas Goodin kept it tight as an accomplished horn section blew as hard and as loud as they could.

The low point of this night of musical fun and talent was the sad New York "hard-core" band H2O, who made fools of themselves with a set that owed more to punk-pop band Offspring than their heroes

Minor Threat.

Sporting some sort of a metal/punk/hard core mix that felt something like watered-down hard core for the under-13 crowd, H2O definitively proved their ineptness with a repeated chorus of "oooh" (though sometimes they added an "ahhh" for effect) in each and every song. If you thought hard-core lyrics couldn't get any shallower, H2O is out to disprove all the myths.

Adding to the general horror was an incredibly pitiful rendition of the first verse and chorus of U2's "With Or Without You," joining garage bands across the nation with an ignorant and mocking version of a well-written and emotional song.

Life-size puppets tell Goethe's 'Faust' tale

BY EMILY DANYLUK
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The joint production of "Faustus in Africa!" by the Handspring Puppet Company and William Kentridge at the Kennedy Center last weekend is difficult to categorize in theatrical terms.

A modern interpretation of Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe's classic "Faust" set in the midst of South African politics, the performance used a new translation of the original dramatic poem, as well as music, hand-drawn animation, live actors and life-size puppets.

"Faustus in Africa!" was a featured performance in the Kennedy Center's "An African Odyssey," a festival celebrating performance arts from Africa and the African Diaspora. Although knowledge of Goethe's "Faust" or the South African politics would have been helpful, it was not necessary for the interpretation of the performance.

Faust, portrayed by a puppet, was a colonial administrator attempting to experience more of life. When approached by Mephisto the devil, played by Leslie Fong, Faust makes a deal that includes an all-important escape clause: If ever Faust asks to stop time in order to enjoy a moment a bit longer, the devil can have his soul.

However, Faust stays one step ahead of Mephisto the entire time. At the end, when Faust is portrayed as a trembling old man, he comments that if only the moment could stay, it would be nice. Mephisto thinks he has won the wager, but Faust has in fact been redeemed because he understands that time must continue.

At the end of the production, Faust is redeemed because all sides of the old society — both oppressor and oppressed — must be included in the new one. This keeps with Goethe's view that the purpose of the devil is to bring out the goodness in mankind — without evil there can be no good.

The puppets are a wonderful way to present the Faustian story because not only is Faust a puppet of Mephisto, but also because Goethe first saw the Faust legend portrayed by marionettes. Although it may sound like a distraction, the two highly visible puppeteers assigned to each puppet seemed to be an inseparable part of the character.

The interaction between the human actors and the puppets was natural, allowing the audience to be swept away in the story and rhythms. Even more memorable than the human-to-puppet relations was the response of the puppets to each other.

One may find it strange that a German writer in the Western European cultural tradition is the one presenting the struggles of South Africa. However, this reincarnation of the Faust legend will answer all doubts. It has been modernized in many ways other than the mixed-media presentation. It features music ranging from African rhythms to colonial band music, a devil who wears corrective shoes to hide his cloven hoof and a strong political atmosphere surrounding the characters as they vie for power within the government.

Presidents of the U.S.A. show their critics mistaken at D.C. tour date

BY ELI COHEN
HATCHET REPORTER

The Presidents of the United States of America, who played the 9:30 Club on March 9, are a much misunderstood band. There have been some pretty negative things said about the Presidents. People say the Presidents are dumb, silly, just too much like everybody else and plainly not very good.

But not only are the Presidents smart and talented, they also put on a damn good show. If you are one of those people who thought about going, but then decided not to, you were wrong.

As the Presidents took the stage, one of the first things to come out of lead singer and basitarist (the basitar is a two-string guitar) Chris Ballew's mouth was "Don't worry, you're going to get your concert money's worth!" And that is exactly what the screaming fans received.

The trio of musicians, Ballew, Dave Dederer (three-string guitar), and Jason Finn (no-string drums) from Seattle, Wash., proceeded to perform a rocking set of tunes old and new, even including a few covers and rarities, such as "Video Killed the Radio Star" (the first song ever played on MTV).

The set was composed of the majority of the Presidents' songs from both of the band's two albums, *The Presidents of the United States of America I* and

II (Columbia), and included such crowd favorites as "Feather Pluckn," "Lump," "Mach 5" and "Froggie." The Presidents cranked out their unique sounds with artistic style and a humorous flair.

They exhibited their immense stage presence, which in addition to their musical talents kept the audience hopping.

And as astonishing as it may seem, the Presidents even took time out of their busy set to take a few requests from the audience, including a little ditty called "Fuck California."

Crumbox, the L.A. band opening for the Presidents, was young and talented, yet a somewhat out-of-place version of garage punk. Crumbox played a quick set of upbeat pop-mixed-with-punk songs that reached out mostly to the headbangers always present at rock concerts rather than the majority of the audience. But the crowd's reaction did not do the band justice, as Crumbox's sound is catchy and creative. Unfortunately, their performance was overwhelmed by the show's headliners.

A random guy on the Metro seemed to sum up the show best when he said "Good band, huh? Won't last long, though." The beer-slurred words of this man hit home: The Presidents of the United States of America are a good band (and even better live), but they might not be around much longer. We might as well enjoy them while they last.

WRGW's Top 20 CDs

For the week ending 4/4/97

No.	Artist	Title (label)
1.	Various Artists	Don't Forget to Breathe (Crank!)
2.	Various Artists	Lost Highway (Interscope)
3.	The Make Up	Sound Verité (K)
4.	Atari Teenage Riot	Burn Berlin Burn (Crank!)
5.	The Promise Ring	The Horse Latitudes (Jade Tree)
6.	Björk	Telegram (Elektra)
7.	Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds	The Boatman's Call (Reprise)
8.	Bis	This Is Teen Power (Grand Royal)
9.	Blur	Blur (Virgin)
10.	Bettie Serveert	Dust Bunnies (Matador)
11.	Snapcase	Progression Through Unlearning (Victory)
12.	Shades Apart	Seeing Things (Revelation)
13.	Sick of It All	Built To Last (Elektra)
14.	Easy Big Fella	Eat At Joey's (Moon)
15.	The Boo Radleys	C'mon Kids (Creation)
16.	Satisfact	Satisfact (K)
17.	Lunachicks	Pretty Ugly (Go Kart)
18.	Ben Folds Five	Whatever and Amen (Caroline)
19.	Pavement	Brighten the Colors (Matador)
20.	Helmet	Aftertaste (Interscope)

imPRESSions

Jill Sobule shows she deserves more than her brief bit of fame

BY EMILY DANYLUK
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Jill Sobule proved March 18 at her performance at the Birchmere in Alexandria, Va., that she deserves to be known as more than "the girl who sang 'I Kissed a Girl.'"

The concert coincided with the release of her new album, *Happy Town* (Atlantic), and many of the songs she performed came from the release. One of them, "I Sold My Soul," is a haunting song that addresses her brief fame during which MTV and many radio stations played one song from her previous self-titled album non-stop.

Sobule said in an interview after the show that she still looks on the bright side of having her name recognized, while admitting, "It's a double-edged sword ... it's tiring. I wish that the record company had followed it up with another song more indicative (of my work)."

Besides her youthful-sounding, breathy voice and wry humor, there isn't one thing specific to all her songs. In concert, the play list ranged from a disco-themed song about a porn star who couldn't do the "money shot" to a song with a heartbeat rhythm titled "Love Is

Never Equal."

She told jokes at the show, gaining support from the audience. Sobule easily switched from funny songs to sad ones. At one point, she played the drums, or as she put it



Jill Sobule

did "the Karen Carpenter thing." When she made a mistake, she asked for a "do-over," causing the audience to laugh with her and applaud more.

Sobule's album is equally as diverse as her show, with a song warning listeners about love, a

love song, songs about the past, songs about the future and even a song about Prozac. A tongue-in-cheek style of humor runs throughout. While songs such as "Love Is Never Equal" may sound cynical, Sobule explains her outlook in the opening track "Bitter."

She sings, "... I could swear/I could glare/Say that life is so unfair/And the one who made it/Made it 'cuz her breasts were really big/Well I don't wanna get bitter/I don't wanna get cruel/I don't wanna get old before I have to."

In the end, she decides "So I'll smile with the rest/Wishing everyone the best/And know the one who made it/Made it 'cuz she was actually pretty good."

Sobule said most of her songs on *Happy Town* and her previous self-titled album were based on true stories, although not all of them were hers and some are embellished. She said the sources for her inspiration range from newspaper articles, former bosses, friends and even Anne Frank. It creates a personal touch that lets you feel that you know her. Yet, every once in a while, the listener will wonder, "Is she talking about me?"

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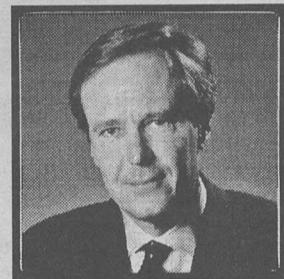
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SPOTLIGHT

The real story behind the capture of Ezra Pound?

GW alumnus says Hemingway helped the poet avoid being convicted of treason following World War II

BY KYNAN KELLY
MANAGING EDITOR

That any Jew in The White House should send American kids to die for the private interests of the scum of the English Earth ... you have come down far when a Jew by the name of Finkelstein runs your country. I don't want the United States to use Hawaii in the interests of a kike. The United States has been invaded by vermin.

These intonations are far from the critically-acclaimed poetry that made Ezra Pound famous as the father of the Imagist movement of American poetry, but he made 125 similar radio broadcasts during World War II.

Yet most people, if they have heard of him at all, know of Pound only as the famous poet, not as the fascist mouthpiece of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini who was accused of treason against the United States. Of the more than 60 books about Pound in Gelman Library, all but three or four are dedicated entirely to his poetry and correspondence. Even less well-known is how Pound managed to avoid being charged and possibly convicted for treason.

Enter Edward R. Pierce, a former staff sergeant in the 305th Counter Intelligence Corps detail of the 5th Army, who was in Italy during WWII and witnessed events that he believes have been largely ignored by history. Pierce, 86, a native of West Falls Church, Va., and a former GW student and tennis coach, was the man who first put the handcuffs on Pound and showed him to his cell in Genoa, Italy.

So how did Pound, who was held in Genoa and Pisa for nearly eight months before being flown to the United States, escape the fate of William Joyce (a.k.a. "Lord Haw-Haw" for his affected manner of speaking), an Irish citizen hanged in Great Britain for similar fascist, anti-Semitic radio broadcasts?

Pierce has dedicated the past several years to documenting what he believes was a complex conspiracy to "save" Pound, conducted by several high-ranking U.S. government officials and

another prominent figure of American literature — Ernest Hemingway.

Arresting Ezra Pound

The year is 1945. Mussolini and Hitler are dead, and American forces have moved into the heart of fascist Italy. American ex-patriots living in Italy are streaming into Genoa to turn themselves in to American soldiers, whose orders are to place them under "protective custody."

Pound evidently feared a death similar to Mussolini's and his mistress' for his years of pro-fascist radio broadcasts. So along with his wife Dorothy and his mistress, Olga Rudge, he descended from Rudge's villa in the hills of Rapallo to surrender, hoping for protection from the troops he had been railing against over Radio Roma for about three years.

According to Pierce, Pound was a "target" of his CIC division, which had orders from the U.S. Department of Justice that if Pound was apprehended, he should be treated with the utmost caution and security (including a suicide watch), and U.S. Attorney General Frances Biddle should be notified immediately. When Pound's jeep entered Genoa, Pierce said he happened to catch a glimpse of him and said to his comrade, "That's Ezra Pound."

Pierce said he recognized Pound's distinctive beard and "artist's cap" from book covers he had seen on the Left Bank when he was at the American Embassy in Paris. But he knew he had the man when he heard Pound identify himself as he was being helped down from the jeep. It was the same voice that Pierce had angrily listened to when he was stationed in northern Africa.

At the time, Pierce figured Pound would be transported back to the United States and tried for treason, for which he was indicted in absentia in 1943 by a grand jury. But Pierce now believes the famous poet was rescued in a plot designed by a group of sympathetic friends that included Hemingway, T.S. Eliot and Archibald MacLeish, President Franklin Roosevelt's assistant secretary of state and director of what would become the powerful

Office of War Information.

The conspiracy to save Pound from prison

Pierce calls Hemingway, MacLeish and Pound "Left Bank Buddies" from their days in Paris, where they enjoyed a care-free Bohemian existence prior to the war. So, when Pound was making an infamous name for himself in Europe in 1943, Pierce said Hemingway traveled down to Washington from New York to visit MacLeish and hatch the plan to save their friend.

As part of the plan, an FBI special agent named Frank Amprin was dispatched to Genoa by Biddle (whose wife was a poetess and a devotee of Pound) to take over the Pound case from Pierce's detail. Pierce said that after Amprin visited him, Pound seemed more confident and less shaky than he was after his capture.

(In a twist worthy of "The X-Files," Pierce has been unable to track down Amprin. The FBI claims no knowledge of any special agent named Frank Amprin, although other books about Pound mention him as well.)

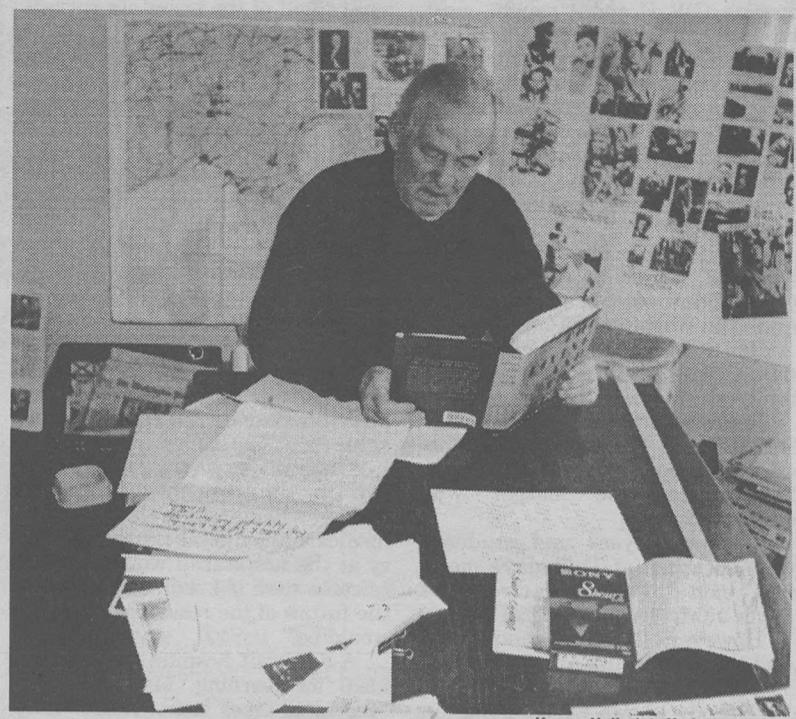
After the mysterious Amprin arrived in Genoa, a reporter from the Chicago Sun named Edd Johnson was cleared to speak with Pound in his cell, even though no other journalist — not even from Stars and Stripes, the U.S. Army's newspaper — was allowed anywhere near him. Pierce said Johnson, who he believes was a good friend of Amprin's, "fired the first shot in what proved to be the campaign to save this bastard's life with the insanity plea" when he wrote an article that ran in newspapers across the nation in May of 1945.

In the article, Johnson wrote that he did not believe Pound was insane, even though the caption that ran with The Washington Post's version read: "Pound, accused of treason, calls Hitler a saint."

Pierce pointed out that, up to that point, no one had even considered that Pound might be insane, and Johnson's article was a clever use of reverse psychology to plant the idea of insanity in the public consciousness.

"What they had done right there was throw a protective sheet over Pound," Pierce said. "To the naïve, the fact that he had been indicted in 1943 would make it seem like they really wanted him."

This idea of insanity was brought up again during Pound's preliminary hearing back in the United



Kynan Kelly/staff photographer

GW alumnus Edward Pierce pours over documentation of his theory that poet Ezra Pound was saved from a prison sentence through a complex conspiracy involving Ernest Hemingway.

States when Dr. Winfred Overholser, the superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Mental Hospital in southeast Washington, testified that Pound was insane. Overholser was later accused by E. Fuller Torrey in the book *The Roots of Treason: Ezra Pound and The Secret of St. Elizabeth's* of locking his staff's diagnosis of Pound in a safe because it would have proved that Pound was actually fit to stand trial.

Pierce disputes other authors, including J.J. Wilhelm, who argue that it was Army inefficiency and the prosecuting attorneys' ineptness that kept Pound out of jail. Wilhelm does acknowledge that Overholser suppressed evidence.

Regardless, Pound was found incompetent to stand trial for reasons of "irretrievable insanity," even though Army psychologists in Pisa found him sane just a month before the hearing.

In addition, Pierce scoffed at the Justice Department's contention that the case had to be dropped because a warrant was never obtained to search the Rapallo villa where Rudge, Pound and his wife were staying. "There was no one in the world who could get you a search warrant during the war. We used our rifle butts, because that's how it was done," Pierce said.

Pound was placed in St. Elizabeth's in 1946, where he stayed for 12 and a half years in relative comfort while six of the other 11 Americans charged with treason for radio broadcasts during WWII, including Mildred "Axis Sally" Gillars, were convicted and sent to prison.

While in St. Elizabeth's, Pound was afforded many luxuries, including use of the tennis courts and food, which other patients were not allowed. He also enjoyed long visitation periods with his devotees, who included H.L. Mencken and Robert Frost.

In 1958, Pound was inexplicably released from the hospital because Overholser said he was incurably insane but "would not be a danger to himself or to persons

and property." Pierce believes that Frost, who had taken Hemingway's place alongside MacLeish as Pound's main supporter, had decided that enough time had passed and Pound's release would not create an uproar.

After a "nine-minute charade of a hearing," as Pierce called it, Pound was given a new passport and immediately returned to Italy, where he was met at the dock in Genoa by the press and well-wishers. To show his defiant victory over the American justice system, he gave a long, triumphant fascist salute to the crowd.

Will the truth ever be known?

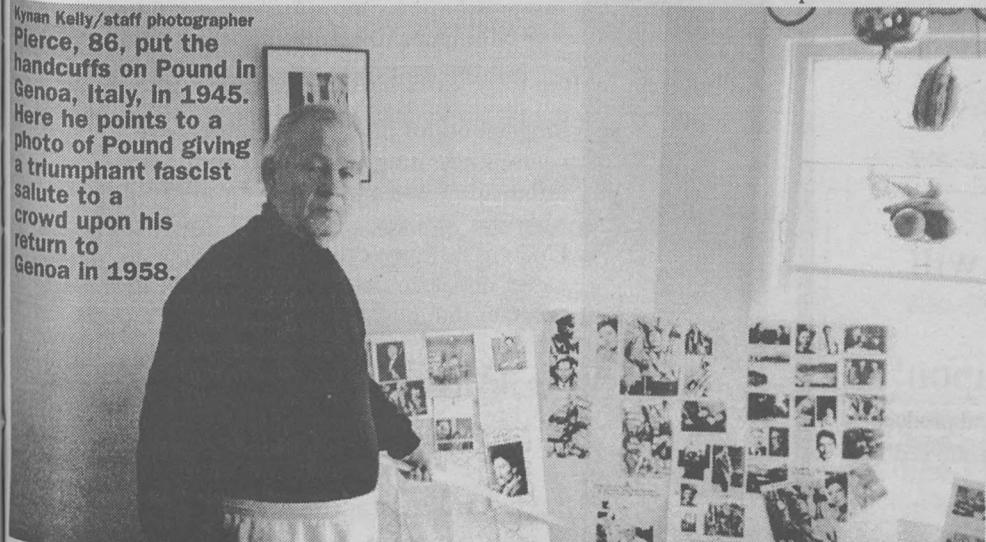
So was Pound really insane? Pound died in Italy in 1972 in the arms of Rudge, ensuring that the issue will never be decided for sure. But Pierce insists, nonetheless, that Pound was a fascist traitor who had a hand in sending Jews and young American soldiers to their deaths.

But how could even the most inflammatory broadcasts accomplish this, especially since Pound was never known to have personally killed anyone? Pierce argued that Pound's broadcasts definitely "fanned the anti-Semitic flame" by encouraging Mussolini to enact anti-Semitic edicts when he joined the Axis.

Because he is pursuing the enigma of Pound rather than the man himself, Pierce likens himself to Captain Ahab in *Moby Dick*. He wants to slay the myth that Pound was merely a great poet and an elderly man who was a little befuddled about his political and economic views.

To set the record straight, he has appeared on a National Public Radio show hosted by Linda Wertheimer. He also is writing a screenplay tentatively titled "Survival of a Traitor." As the last surviving soldier who guarded Pound, Pierce is fighting on to expose the treachery that has been guarded by the veils of history.

Kynan Kelly/staff photographer
Pierce, 86, put the handcuffs on Pound in Genoa, Italy, in 1945. Here he points to a photo of Pound giving a triumphant fascist salute to a crowd upon his return to Genoa in 1958.



Merger deal brews confusion

Students, employees question lack of communication

BY MATT BERGER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The partnership between GW and Universal Health Services to operate GW Hospital caught most hospital employees and medical students off guard Friday morning.

Many were unaware of the merger when they arrived on campus Friday. Some did not even know that GW officials had ended talks with Tenet Healthcare Corp., and that Universal was now negotiating with the school.

Valentia Alale, a registered nurse who has been with GW for three years, found out about the merger from The Washington Post.

"It's not fair to hear about it from the newspaper and not be prepared for it," she said.

Representatives from GW Hospital and Universal held information sessions on Thursday in the hours after the merger was announced.

"The employees and students were cheering (at Thursday's meeting)," said Ruth Jordan, director of public affairs for the Medical Center.

However, hospital employees said they are confused because of a lack of information.

"Nobody knows what's going on and everyone's worried," Alale said. "If you have new management, they come up with their own ideas."

In a newsletter informing staff of the merger, Universal President and Chief Executive Officer Alan B. Miller said, "Under our agreement with GW, UHS will offer employment to all of the hospital's current employees."

The sale was the hot topic of conversation in the hospital and at Ross Hall. Medical students were concerned about whether the quality of education would change with the merger.

"Hopefully it won't affect the medical students," said Biju Mathews, a fourth year student. "If anything, it will improve the resources and make everyone happier."

Mathews, who is going to New York for his residency next year, said GW's residency program will be most affected by the new partnership.

"You wonder what's going to happen to the residency program," Mathews said, noting that few GW medical students take their residency at the hospital. "I wouldn't want to come here if I didn't know what the future of the residency program would be."

A for-profit hospital may not be ideal for learning, Mathews said. "Teaching takes time. That's what residents and medical students are there for."

Alale said she is not concerned

about the school being for-profit. "I think it's OK ... it means better management and better equipment."

"It means a significantly improved environment and improved stability for everybody," Jordan said.

Many students said the lack of communication is a problem. Although students have been given some information from professors, some still feel left in the dark.

"I don't think that they're keeping us up to date," medical student Priya Phulwani said. "I'm not sure I trust them completely."

Hospital Timeline

Summer 1995: GW announces its intention to seek a buyer for the hospital.

Summer 1996: GW Hospital fired 150 regular employees and eliminated another 150 vacant positions.

October 1996: GW signed a letter of intent with OrNda HealthCorp.

March 1997: D.C. Councilmember Sandy Allen introduces legislation that could complicate the deal. Legislation is still pending.

April 3, 1997: GW announces it is no longer working with Tenet; signs new joint venture with Universal Health Services Inc.

Hospital finally finds a long-term partner

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Universal the first time because the company is significantly smaller.

"Our only reluctance was whether we wanted to go with a smaller company," GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said.

He added that because forming a partnership is such a "tenuous enterprise," University officials originally thought it would be better to negotiate with a larger company with more experience.

Moreover, UHS does not have a direct operating agreement with any teaching hospitals. Yet officials from both the company and the school said that would not be a problem.

"We're very much looking forward to it," Miller said, noting that Universal does work with a number of teaching hospitals on a less formal basis, including an affiliation with Texas Tech University's hospital.

The other \$45 million will be invested in the hospital during the next 10 years.

GW officials said they actually got a better deal from Universal than the letter of intent with OrNda/Tenet would have provided. They explained, however, that they did not choose

Tenet-GW part on good terms

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"That was OrNda who signed that deal," said Lance Ignon, a spokesman for Tenet. "We honored all of OrNda's transactions. We had to come to our own decision."

Ignon said operating a hospital in the District did not fit with Tenet's strategy of building health care networks. "We didn't find any way we could build a health care network with GW that would be in the best interest of Tenet and GW."

Both sides stressed that the parting was friendly.

"It was a very amicable parting of the ways," Ignon said. "We just weren't the right partner at the right time."

Katz agreed, adding that "we ended up with a better partnership."

Whereas OrNda pledged an \$80 million investment, Universal has promised \$125 million. In addition, UHS has guaranteed that no current employees will lose their jobs as a result of the deal, while OrNda only said that "substantially all" of the jobs would be saved.

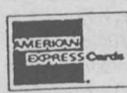
"We reached a point where we realized there really wasn't a strategic fit (with Tenet)," he said.

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Forum calls for end to domestic violence

BY SUSAN SCHULTZ
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Nicole Paul, a GW graduate student in the Women's Studies Department, was murdered in 1994 in her Adams Morgan home by two men, one of whom she knew.

In memory of Paul and many other victims of domestic violence, the Women's Studies Department presented a symposium, with a panel presentation, entitled "Ending Domestic Violence: A Global Call to Action."

Director of the Women's Studies Department Barbara Miller moderated the panel.

The panel included Bonnie Campbell, the director of the violence against women office of the U.S. Department Of Justice, and Susan Deller-Ross, the director of women and law and the Public Policy Fellowship Program at Georgetown University.

They were joined by adjunct professor Nancy Turner of the Arlington Community Temporary Shelter and Rebecca Sewell from Women, Law and Development International.

Each panelist presented a 15-minute lecture and then received questions from the audience.

Campbell addressed "Domestic Violence: The Nature of the Problem and the U.S. Response" and enumerated three goals important to ending domestic violence in the United States.

"We have to change public attitudes ... we need law and public will," Campbell said. "Women are at most risk of domestic violence on college campuses."

"We need to reform both the criminal and civil justice system," Campbell added. "We need to become a partner in building across the country a community response to violence against women."

Deller-Ross spoke on "Ending the Violence: Legal Strategies in the District of Columbia."

"Cultures around the world have allowed violence in the home because the justice systems allowed it to happen," Deller-Ross said. "One-hundred-fifty years ago, women had no legal rights in courts and it was not until the early 1970s that women began to gain power in the courts."

"Before the 1970s, women victims to domestic violence were not

permitted to go to court without the help of a government agency."

Deller-Ross listed many of the reforms such as, "adding the dating relationship to the list of possible domestic violence situations and injunctions against batterers that could lead to a contempt charge with up to six months in prison."

"The domestic violence movement began in the early 1970s," Turner said in a discussion on "Individual and Community Responsibility: A Return to the Grass-Roots."

"The first shelter opened in 1973 in St. Paul, Minn. In 1978, advocates organized and formed the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and today there are over 1,500 shelters in the U.S."

Sewell addressed the international problem of domestic violence in a talk entitled, "An International Update: Women Helping Women."

"In 1970, the battered women's movement began under anti-rape campaigns," Sewell said. "Countries like India with thousands of dowry deaths a year have developed an ad hoc response to domestic violence, while in Latin America women have always been a part of the human rights movement."

"From 1985 on there has been a sisterhood in global movement internationally against domestic violence," Sewell added.

"In the U.S., a woman is beaten every nine seconds by her husband, boyfriend or live-in partner," according to the First Comprehensive National Health Survey of American Women conducted in 1993. According to another study done by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services in the same year, "Sixty-eight percent of women and girls murdered in Virginia were killed by a family member or friend."

Deller-Ross and Turner agreed that domestic violence is still on the rise.

"The Metropolitan Police Department reports 19,000 calls per year for domestic violence in the District of Columbia," Deller-Ross said.

"To end domestic violence, we each have a role to play. You and I, we are the grass-roots," Turner added.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 10

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4:00-6:00 pm "Amphibian Science: An Alarming Mystery" panel discussion
800 21st Street, NW GW Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre
8:00 pm Performance of "Croak, or the Last Frog"
800 21st Street, NW GW Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE: FROM MARRAKESH TO SINGAPORE AND BEYOND
8:15-4:30 pm GW Law Center, 2000 H St. NW

MONDAY, APRIL 14

AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE: REFLECTIONS ON THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT
12:00-1:30 pm The Peace Corps Brown Bag Lunch Panel: International Environmental Experiences
2013 G Street, NW Stuart Hall Room B10
4:00-5:00 pm Antarctica: International Stewardship of a Pristine Continent
2115 G Street, NW Monroe Hall Room 104
6:30-8:00 pm "Global Achievements in Sustainable Development Since Rio: An International Dialogue"
800 21st Street, NW Marvin Center Room 406

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS: PATHWAYS TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
11:00-2:00 pm Career Fair: Environmental Pathways
800 21st Street, NW Marvin Center 2nd Floor Colonial Commons
4:00 pm Mikhail Gorbachev
"Finding Our Way 5 Years After Rio: A Vision of Sustainability"
730 21st Street, NW Lisner Auditorium
6:30-8:00 pm Elliot Norse, President
Marine Conservation Biology Institute
2201 G Street, NW Funger Hall Room 108

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

GW SOLAR DAY AND THE UNVEILING OF THE NEW GW SOLAR CAR
1:00-5:00 pm Expo: Unveiling of the improved GW Solar Car
5:00-7:00 pm Solar Reception
Rose Garden and Academic Center Breezeway
2115 G Street, NW outside Monroe Hall
H Street, NW between 21st and 22nd Streets, NW

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

ARTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT DAY

12:00-5:00 pm Environmental Sculpture Exposition
730 21st Street, NW
Lisner Auditorium, Dimock Gallery
8:00 pm Utah "Spirit Place" Spirit Planet: Artists' Voyage into Sacred Lands
730 21st Street, NW outside Lisner Auditorium (south wall)
Rain Location: 800 21st Street, NW Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

ENVIRONMENTAL INQUIRY AND APPLICATIONS

Green University Student Environmental Research Competition and EcoExpo
23rd and H Street, NW GW Hillel Center, Basement
Green University Student Environmental Research Competition Awards Ceremony
2201 G Street, NW Funger Hall Room 108

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY

8:00-12:00 pm Neighbor's Project Clean Up Shaw
800 21st Street, NW Marvin Center 1st Floor Lobby

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS: EARTH DAY IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL

9:00-2:30 pm Environmental Fair in Anacostia Park
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Eban discusses the next century of diplomacy

BY EMILY PHELPS
HATCHET REPORTER

Former Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban lectured Thursday evening on "Diplomacy for the Next Century," in the first of two lectures he gave at GW last week.

"We live in a world characterized by unpredictability,"

Eban said.

He cited the sudden, peaceful collapse of the Berlin Wall and communism as proof that things happen despite the careful prophecies of those who are educated to make predictions about such world events.

He also dismissed what he called "the revisionist theme that

has begun to infect the consciousness of the West," which says that the United States' role in the Cold War is considered to be much smaller than it actually was, and that the threat of nuclear warheads was "hypochondria."

Eban cited an article in *Time* magazine that said America did not win the Cold War as much as

the Soviet Union lost it.

"Such articles are not to be lightly tossed aside," he said, "but thrown energetically into the fire. American tenacity and European endorsement preserved the freedom of the world."

"I was struck by how positive he was, especially in light of recent events. But he's a consummate diplomat, and I think that came across well in his speech," said Kim Carson, a graduate student in the Elliott School of International Affairs.

"Let us not forget ... that the peace process at this very day is neither dead nor dying," Eban said.

Eban cited a survey that said, "Even at this very difficult stage, 78 percent of the Israeli nation believes that the peace process should continue." ... In other words, the Israeli people, as it were, have been captivated by the peace process ... have not been deterred by its obstacles.

"If not for the communications revolution," he said, "it is very largely possible that we would still be living with nuclear terror, because the Soviet empire would never have been dissolved. Nothing contributed more to its dissolution than the fact that the world had become an open world ... If you cannot have a closed society, then you cannot have a totalitarian society."

ESIA Dean Harry Harding agreed with Eban that there is a "contradiction in the modern world between the inevitable openness of diplomacy on the one hand, and the desirability of confidentiality on the other."

"This will be a contradiction in

GW says elevator 'cars are leveling'

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Roger Lyons, executive director of facilities, who refused to permit Vattimo to inspect Gelman's elevators.

The conclusions found in Vattimo's report raise the concern of government oversight regarding elevator safety issues.

The D.C. government has branches of its bureaucracy designed to oversee these issues. The District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Business Regulation Administration, Business Affairs Division regulates and issues certificates of elevator inspection.

But several years ago, as a cost-cutting measure, the District cut back and now only inspects new elevators and those that have undergone major repairs. Lyons said that when Ross Hall had its major overhaul and replacement of elevators, the District inspected them. But buildings that are privately owned are expected to contract with independent inspectors.

A lot of things have changed at GW in the past 27 years. The inspection certificate in one of the elevators is not one of them.

A Funger Hall elevator has District of Columbia inspection certificate #4533 posted above the controls, dating from June 30, 1970.



Jay Crystal/staff photograph

Abba Eban

which all students of international affairs and practitioners of international affairs will have to deal with effectively," he added. "It will be a great challenge for them as they conduct international affairs."

"As an international affairs student, it was inspiring to be there, listening to a man who is so optimistic," freshman Doug Rice said. "It made me feel like I was getting into the right field."

"Diplomacy for the Next Century," is the third annual lecture in a four-year series of the Welling Professorship, a program designed to bring distinguished scholars in international affairs to campus.

Fifty students, members of the State Department and GW President Stephen Joseph Trachtenberg were among those who attended the lecture.

GW says elevator 'cars are leveling'

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The other elevators in Fung Hall have no certificates posted, nor do the elevators in Gelman Library or the Academic Center. Academic Center elevators do have plaques stating their capacity in pounds and passengers, but nothing on the plaques deals with inspections of the condition of the elevator.

Finding the inspection certificates for GW's elevators is not as easy as it seems. Several signs in Fung Hall's elevators refer inquiries to J. Hart at 2129 Eye Street.

Building EE, nestled behind Ross Hall at that address, houses GW's sign shop, locksmith, quick response contractors and training centers.

But there are no elevator certificates. These records are actually held at the Support Building on 11th Street. All GW elevators have these inspection certificates stored here.

"We used to have them posted, but the kids ripped them out," James said.

However, written in capital letters prominently on the certificates itself is: "This certificate to be posted under glass in the elevator car."

Vattimo questioned why the University could not obtain sealable plaques to post the certificates, or why photocopies of the documents weren't posted.

Jared Sher contributed to this report.

Do This!

GW'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNSELING CENTER, Managing Your Stress, A Four Week Program. FREE! April 3, 10, 17, & 24. 2033 K Street, Suite 330, 3:15-4:45 PM. Info? Contact Diane DePalma at 994-5300.

JEWISH CAMPUS SERVICES CORPS (JCSC), "Beau Jest". April 10, 12, & 13. Mitchell Hall Theater, 8:30 PM (2:00 PM on Sunday). \$4 students, \$6 for public. \$1 off each ticket with a non-perishable food item. Info? Contact Naomi at 296-9115.

SASS COMMUNICATION is now accepting event information for the 1997-98 academic year to appear in the GW Planner/Handbook. Pick up a form in Rice 102 and return it in person or via fax at 994-0357, or type up your event information and turn it in at the above address. Information must contain: The name of the sponsoring organization or office; a contact name with phone and/or e-mail address; the event date, time, and location. Info? Contact Amy or Farra at 994-3840. The 1997-98 will be distributed to the entire student body at the start of the next school year.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT, Suffering as Moral Beacon: "Blacks and Jews". Strong Hall Piano Lounge (620 21st Street), 4:00 PM. Info? Contact Maria at 994-6265.

PRE-LAW SOCIETY, General Meeting. Bell 301 A, 7:00 PM Info? Contact Jason at 342-9284.

STUDY ABROAD, General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 11:00 AM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

STUDENT ASSOCIATION, Senate Meeting. Marvin Center 403, 9:00 PM. Info? Contact Dianne at 994-7100.

STUDY ABROAD, Second Step Advising Session. Stuart 104, 2:30 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

CAREER CENTER, Jet Program Information Session. Marvin Center 411, 5:00-6:00 PM. Info? Contact Karen at 994-8633.

COUNSELING CENTER, Academic Success Series: Understand Your Textbooks.. 2033 K Street, Suite 330, 4:10-5:30 PM. Info? Call 994-5300.

ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, Russia and NATO: Was Progress Made at the Helsinki Summit? Brown Bag Lecture Series. Stuart Hall 103, Noon-1:00 PM. Info? Contact Margaret at 994-4876.

GW SHUTO SOCIETY, Wado Ryu Karate Class. Medical School (Ross Hall) Room 229, 8:30-10:00 PM. Info? Contact Walter at 298-6531.

APRIL 7-13

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INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH, Networking Organizations. Crain Center Faculty Lounge (Lower Level Hall of Government, 710), 12:00-1:30 PM Info? Contact Mary at 994-5402 or e-mail at igmr@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

COUNSELING CENTER, Managing Your Stress. 2033 K St. Suite 330, 3:15-4:45 PM. Info? Contact Diane DePalma at 994-5300.

GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, General Meeting. Marvin Center 401, 6:00 PM. Info? Contact Candy at goldnkey@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu.

LATINOS FOR PROGRESS, Latin American Culture Nite. Marvin Center Ballroom, 7:30 PM-Cultural Show. 10:00 PM-After Party. \$3 Students/\$4 Non-students. Info? Contact Iliana at 676-2505.

STUDY ABROAD, General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 1:00 PM. Second Step Advising Session. Stuart 104, 2:30 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

STUDENTS FOR RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS, Bridging the Gap: Innovative Micro-Credit and Their Role in Emerging Markets. Corcoran 101, 6:00 PM Info? Contact Jean at latenser@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu.

STUDY ABROAD, Second Step Advising Session. Stuart 104, 11:30 AM. General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 3:00 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, Princeton Review Practice Tests. \$3 Members, \$5 non-members Marvin Center 401, 6:00 PM. For registration information, contact Candy at goldnkey@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

GW SHUTO SOCIETY, Wado Ryu Karate Class. Medical School (Ross Hall) Room 229, 10:30-Noon. Info? Contact Walter at 298-6531.

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Students lack input on mailbox move

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changing it."

"From a quality of life and cost-benefit standpoint, relocating student mailboxes to the Marvin Center clearly does not work," MCGB Chair Jonathan Pompan said.

"There has been a considerable amount of talk," said GW Associate Vice President for Business Affairs Al Ingle. "The discussion is centered on trying to make everyone happy."

But some GW officials disagreed.

"Nobody has seen this. This has never been a part of anything (the MCGB) has seen," the GW official said. "If (Trachtenberg) knew enough students thought this was a terrible idea, would he respond?"

Student leaders said they had only heard of the proposal in the last month or so.

"It probably got released before Trachtenberg intended it to be, which I guess is a good thing because it gives us a chance to have input into it," Jacobs said.

"Rather than ideas coming from those not affected, proposals and

recommendations should come from the users of the building," Pompan said.

Pompan said previous MCGB recommendations to the GW had not included any reference to moving the mailboxes. The group had at one point last year proposed opening a small U.S. post office on the ground floor of the building to provide general mail services, but the plan did not include the mailbox move.

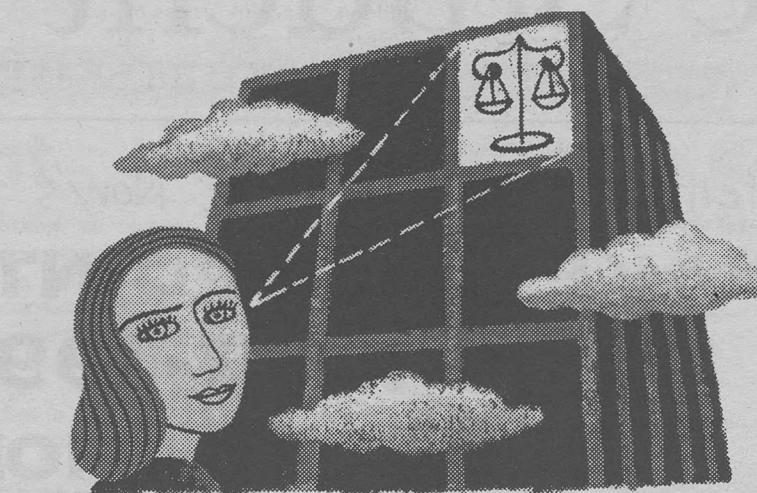
"As in all matters that affect the Marvin Center, the MCGB will continue to make recommendations as representatives of the users of the facility," Pompan said.

Jacobs said RHA will discuss the issue at its meeting Wednesday and follow up with letters to the administrators involved.

According to Ingle, it has not been decided exactly how many mailboxes would be included in the project or how they will be assigned.

"There is no feasible way you could install 3,500 residence hall mailboxes in the Marvin Center," Ingle said. "It is a space constraint."

-Jared Sher contributed to this report.



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SPORTS

Gymnasts look forward to next year after NCAA Tournament

BY HEATHER HARE
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW gymnastics team finished its final meet of the season in first place in the Southeast Regional of the NCAA championship in Lexington, Ky., Saturday with a team score of 189.575.

The University of Florida took the meet with a score of 195.750.

Senior captain Tracey Ackerman said the score was low due to several factors, judging being most important of them. "The scores are a little higher. We just didn't catch any breaks from the judges," she said.

The last time the Colonial Women had a score that low was in January.

She added that the judges come from all around the nation and must judge a lot harder in order to keep everything consistent. "They judge the 'T,'" Ackerman said. "They aren't going to give anything away because they are trying to keep it as fair as possible."

The team had four falls on the bars that set them behind in scoring. GW has gradually improved on the bars all year. In the Atlantic 10 tournament April 5, all the GW women scored above a 9.4 on the apparatus. Junior Alexis Hrynkova posted GW's top score on the bars at the NCAAs with a 9.425.

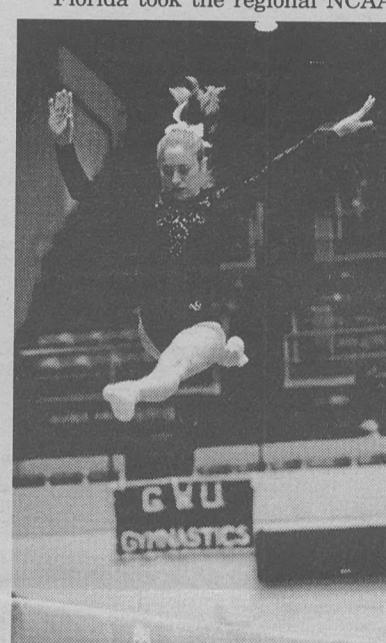
The Colonial Women were the only team at the meet with no falls on the beam. They earned a team score of 47.125, giving them fifth

place on the beam.

"We did a really great job," Ackerman said.

The Colonial Women had earned higher scores earlier during the season against several of the teams they competed with Saturday. Against Towson State they earned a score of 190.825 and 193.05. They earned a 190.225 against Kentucky. When the GW women met North Carolina State, they earned scores of 192.575 and 191.850.

Florida took the regional NCAA



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

Shari Doulman

title and will continue on to the national NCAA championship. All the No. 1 teams in each regional championship automatically qualify for nationals, with 12 teams competing in all after at large spots are awarded.

When a team goes to the regionals, they come with no scoring history, Ackerman said. They have a clean slate that can work either way. "If you bomb at the regionals and you're the best team, it's kind of hard," Ackerman said.

Ackerman said the Colonials have good prospects next year. "They have a couple really good freshmen coming in," the senior said. "The girls are coming in with pretty good tricks. They seem pretty experienced."

"They are going to take it to another level (next year)," Ackerman added. She said she thinks they will make it to the regionals again and have a really good chance to move up in the standings.

With upcoming senior Lisa Gruber competing in the all-around again next year after healing from her knee injury, the GW women are optimistic. "She is doing really well. She's coming back quicker than I have (from my injury). She's going to come back next year and do a great job," Ackerman said.

Ackerman, Kristie Gackenheimer and Megan McNulty are all graduating. Saturday was their last meet.

boat finished with a time of 6:09.5, the fastest time of any boat at the meet.

"Our varsity men are really doing well," first-year GW head coach Steve Peterson said. "They're mostly all seniors, so this is important to them."

Peterson also said they have the ability to beat Navy, which he called the team to beat, at the next meet.

While the GW men won every race against Michigan, the women lost every race. The GW first varsity women's eight boat finished in 6:35.00, six seconds behind the Michigan women.

Michigan's second varsity women's eight boat beat GW by four seconds with a time of 6:35.00.

Even though the GW first novice women's eight boat lost to Michigan, it beat Ohio State with a time of 7:13.03. GW lost its four other races against the OSU women. The GW first varsity women's eight boat lost to OSU by a little more than three seconds to finish in 6:48.03.

"I was happy with their performance but disappointed that we didn't handle the water as well as we could have," Peterson said. "We worked on that (in practice), and it showed against Williams."

GW's next meet is Saturday on the Potomac River at the GW Invitational Crew Classic.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Jack Kent Cooke dies at GW

Sports magnate Jack Kent Cooke, owner of the Washington Redskins, died of heart failure Sunday morning after doctors at GW Hospital tried to revive him. Cooke, 84, was rushed from his Northwest Washington home to the hospital at 11:34 a.m. and pronounced dead at 12:09 p.m.

Women's rugby notches win

The GW women's club rugby team came away with a 7-5 victory over St. Mary's Saturday. Monica De Ocampo scored the try, while Nancy Scola converted the free kick to seal the win.

The team returns to action April 26 when it travels to Baltimore to square off against Johns Hopkins.

Matt Bonesteel and Jared Sher

GW drops two in St. Bonaventure series

Colonials fall to 11-21, 3-6 in Atlantic 10

BY DAVE ADLER
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

run in a failed attempt for a GW rally in the sixth. Allen went 2-3, with Cassedy Smith driving in the Colonials' only other run.

St. Bonaventure 11, GW 1

GW managed eight hits but scored just once in a humiliating defeat against the A-10's last place team. The Colonials stranded nine baserunners in the nightcap of the doubleheader.

Mike Roberts, GW's leading hitter, collected two hits in the game and scored the Colonials' lone run in the sixth.

The game's fate was sealed early as Colonial starter Eric Rappa gave up two runs in the second and six in the fourth. Relievers Ari Zagaris and Ron Christie gave up the last three runs.

GW struck out eight times in the seven-inning game.

GW 5, St. Bonaventure 3

GW's only win against the Bonnies came in the opener. Colonial ace Matt Williams started and went six innings. He gave up three earned runs and got the win despite walking five.

Senior Scott Giuliana had a hit and drove in two runs as the Colonials scored all five of their runs in the fifth.

Cassedy Smith (1-4, RBI) and Joe Biechert (1-4) had doubles, and Allen (2-4, RBI) homered for GW.

St. Bonaventure greeted Williams with a three-run first, but Williams, a 6-8 junior, settled down and held the Bonnies scoreless during the next five innings. Thomas Baginski relieved Williams and struck out two in the seventh to close the game.

GW will try to right its season against non-conference opponents Coppin State and James Madison Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively. GW is 21-0 all-time against Coppin State, including a 19-5 victory March 17. JMU knocked off the Colonials 8-4 on March 26.

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